

Performance Measures Fourth Judicial District

Guardian ad Litem



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Background Information for the Guardian Ad Litem Program

- ◆ What is the number of Guardians Ad Litem with active cases?
- ◆ How many children are served by Guardians Ad Litem?

	Family Court	Juvenile Court
What is the number of Guardians Ad Litem with active cases?	10	239
How many children are served by Guardians Ad Litem?	617	1,787

Source: Galaxy Guardian Ad Litem database—system snapshot as of 10/5/04

The Guardian Ad Litem program was designed to represent the best interests of the child during the court process. Guardian Ad Litem means guardian for *the lawsuit*. It is different than a legal guardian in that a Guardian Ad Litem has no control over the person or property of the child and does not provide a home for the child.

The information that is gathered for the Court by the Guardian Ad Litem is: What has happened to the child and what are the current needs and circumstances of the child?

In addition, the Guardian makes recommendations to the Court on: What does the child need to be safe, what treatment plans should be ordered for the child and family, and what permanent resolution is in the best interests of the child?

Customer- *Provide fair & equal treatment, Access to justice*

Are Guardians Ad Litem advocating for the best interest of the children?

Not available at this time

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Process - Fair & timely case processing, Effective & efficient case processing

- ◆ Of the active cases that need a Guardian Ad Litem, what percentage are currently being served?
- ◆ How many cases were reassigned?
- ◆ What is the percentage of cases assigned a Guardian in one day?
- ◆ What is the average length of time a Guardian stays on a case?

	Family Court	Juvenile Court
Of the active cases that need a Guardian Ad Litem, what percentage are currently being served?	99.8%	94.3%
How many cases were reassigned?	0	11 (1.1%)
What is the percentage of cases assigned a Guardian within one day?	99.7%	95.7%
What is the average length of time a Guardian stays on a case?	83.18 days	122.21 days

Source: Galaxy Guardian Ad Litem database—system snapshot as of 10/5/04